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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| <p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 2 sheets, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions). | |
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
nos. 6, 7, 11 as originally filed/furnished
nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
nos.* 5, 8-10 received by this Authority on 13.09.2004
nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
sheets 1/4-4/4 as originally filed/furnished
sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. 1-4 _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 5-11 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 5-11 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 5-11 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Citations**

Document 1: JP 3-288426 A (Tokyo Electron Ltd.), 18 December 1991, entire text (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 61-092050 U (Hitachi, Ltd.), 14 June 1986, entire text (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 5-029448 A (Tokyo Electron Ltd.), 05 February 1993, entire text & US 5314541 A & US 5455082 A

Document 4: JP 5-243365 A (Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 21 September 1993, entire text (Family: none)

Document 5: JP 11-260743 A (Kokusai Electric Co., Ltd.), 24 September 1999, entire text (Family: none)

Claims 5 to 11

The inventions that are set forth in claims 5 to 11 are not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art. In particular, the feature that is set forth in claim 5, wherein "each blow-out hole is formed in the wall of the

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aforementioned cooling gas introduction pipe in a manner such that it blows the cooling gas in a direction that is tangential to the aforementioned annular spaces," and the feature that is set forth in claim 8, wherein a "porous material is provided to the blow-out holes," are not disclosed in any of the documents.